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REF: VIENTIANE 0330 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER RETURNING TO BANGKOK, PAN AM REPS ON AFTERNOON MARCH 15 RECEIVED LETTER DATED MARCH 5 FROM SRV CIVAIR AUTHTRITIES, ROUTED VIA THAI AIRWAYS, INFORMING THEM THAT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 8 IN VIENTIANE BEING POSTPONED AS RESULT "UNEXPECTED OBSTACLES." LETTER ADDED THAT MEETING WOULD BE ARRANGED AT LATER DATE. FOR REASONS UNKNOWN, THAI AIRWAYS OFFICIALS FAILED TO DELIVER LETTER TO PAN AM TEAM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR VIENTIANE

TEN DAYS AGO.

2. LETTER STATES SPECIFICALLY THAT IN ADDITION TO OVERFLIGHT PROCEDURES, SRV OFFICIALS WILL SEEK ACCOUNTING FROM PAN AM FOR AIR VIETNAM 707 AND 727 AIRCRAFT FLOWN TO HONG KONG AND TAIPEI
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IN 1975.

3. PAN AM V-P JOHN KRIMSKY PLANS TO SEND TELEGRAM TODAY (MARCH 16) TO PHUNG THE TAI, D-G OF SRV CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO GO TO HANOI FOR OVERFLIGHT TALKS MARCH 18. KRIMSKY HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR SRV VISA, AS SUGGESTED BY SRV OFFICIALS IN VIETNAM ONE MONTH AGO

(BANGKOK 4307), BUT PLANS TO DO SO AT REOPENED VIETNAMESE EMBASSY HERE TODAY.

4. IN TALKS IN EMBASSY MARCH 14, KRIMSKY SAID THAT ALTHOUGH PAN AM IS IN FACT PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE SRV WITH REGARD TO AIR VIETNAM 707 REPOSSESSED BY PAN AM IN 1975, HE WILL NOT ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE TALKS ON THIS ISSUE IN HANOI BECAUSE PAN AM BELIEVES SUCH TALKS WOULD VIOLATE FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS. HE SAID CHINA AIRLINES HAD REPOSSESSED 727 FLOWN TO TAIPEI.

5. KRIMSKY SAID THAT IF HE GOES TO HANOI, HE MAY PROPOSE TO VIETNAMESE THAT, IN ABSENCE U.S. TREASURY LICENSE TO PERMIT PAN AM TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO SRV, PAN AM BE AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN OPERATIONS IN COMPANY WITH OTHER AIRLINES AT 0700 MARCH 23, WITH PROVISO THAT PAN AM WOULD MAKE PAYMENTS FOR ARREARS IF AND WHEN EXEMPTION IS GRANTED. HE ADDED THAT IF TREASURY LICENSE IS APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE, BUT NOT ACTUALLY ISSUED WHEN AMBER ONE FLIGHTS COMMENCE, PAN AM MIGHT, WITH SRV PERMISSION, TRY TO OPERATE SERVICES UNDER THAI INTERNATIONAL OR OTHER COOPERATIVE AIRLINE FLIGHT NUMBER. (WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT SRV HAS ALREADY AGREED TO LET KOREAN AIRLINES USE AMBER ONE UNDER THAI INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT NUMBER, BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OR DENIAL FROM THAI INTERNATIONAL.)
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